

# Allen County HamNews

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## On The Air Code Classes Resume

On the air code classes resume on the 146.76 repeater. Code classes will begin on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 PM. Classes will run Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Classes will be approximately 1 hour in duration.

On Monday nights the "Helping Hams" net will follow the code class at 8:00 PM.

Following the code class on Tuesday nights, Newline will be run from 8:00 PM to around 8:30 PM.

## Annual Severe Weather Drill

This year's Severe Weather Drill for all IMO Skywarn Quadrants and counties will be held on Tuesday, 3/26 at 10 am in conjunction with Michigan's State Drill. There will be a Skywarn Net during this time and you are encouraged to check in to show that you would be available if severe weather was actually occurring.

Since the North Webster Weather Service covers parts of 3 states, the date for the official test is a bit of a problem since each state holds their tests on a different date. Last year's drill was held on Indiana's date and next year's will recognize Ohio's date. The dates of the other state's drills are 3/6 for Indiana and Ohio's is on 3/20. Howard, N9ADS

## ARES/RACES Registration

It has been 10 years since we have done a complete registration of volunteers for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and I am sure there have been many changes in the info that I have not kept up with in addition to numerous people moving away or just dropping out of amateur radio and many new amateurs being licensed. Therefore I am asking that you complete the Registration Form if you are interested in being included in the lists of amateurs to be called when/if we are activated for any sort of emergency situation. The only requirements are that you do have an Amateur Radio License and are willing to be called to see if you are available for whatever arises (although we have also registered a few interested XYL's, and others that are willing to help with support activities if needed.) Most of our activity will likely occur on the 2-meter repeaters, so having equipment for that would be useful, but not required.

With the election of Sheriff Jim Herman, the Sheriff's department decided not to reissue new EOC cards as they really served no useful purpose and there will be none issued with this registration.

This form [available on pg. 8] is also available at [www.acarts.com](http://www.acarts.com) and you can get it there, type in the info, and email it back to me if you wish.

Howard Pletcher, N9ADS

Allen County Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator

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## New Radio Voice Mail System

From Larry Temenoff, KB9OS: There is a new Radio Voice mail system running. Dial 625-2438 for update.

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Deadline is the last Friday of the month.  
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

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## President's Corner



It is hard to believe that February has come and gone already. March is coming in like a lamb on this first day; so, I am glad that so many people showed up for the February Skywarn meeting in case March goes out like a Lion.

The February meeting was a joint meeting with ACARTS at Turnstone on February 19th and the National Weather Service personnel came to give our annual Skywarn training. The attendance was excellent. There were close to eighty people at the meeting. The presentation was very good and there was plenty of fellowship both before and after the meeting. A big thank you to ACARTS and everyone else involved.

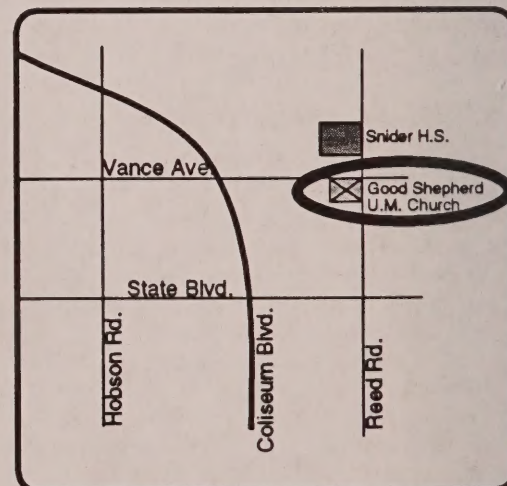
Speaking of saying "Thank You", by the time you read the newsletter the Fort Wayne Radio Club will have manned the phones for the TV39 spring telethon. I need to thank Carole Burke, WB9RUS, for planning our participation in this event. We have been trying to make it an annual event. If you have not done this; you might want to think about it for next year. It is a lot of fun. There is a tour of the station, including plenty of looking over the transmitter, plenty of free food, and a lot of great fellowship with club members and TV39 personnel. A big thank you again to Carole Burke for her efforts to promote the Fort Wayne Radio Club with this activity.

March 15th will be the March general meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club. With the Christmas Banquet in December, the Auction in January, and Skywarn in February it will be nice to get a chance to get everyone caught up on FWRC club business at the March meeting. The program for March will be Amateur Television or ATV. The Fort Wayne Radio Club has an ATV repeater located on the IPFW campus and we want to see you take advantage of the capability. Jim Pliett, K9OMA, will be setting up a portable ATV station at the meeting and we will have another operator at their home station so that we can give everyone a hands on demonstration of ATV. This will be a meeting you will not want to miss.

Looking ahead; the April meeting, scheduled for Friday April 19th, will be another hands on demonstration of Automatic Position Reporting System or APRS. ACARTS currently maintains an APRS repeater. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, from the ACARTS club will help us setup a couple of APRS stations at the meeting so you can see how easily the system works. Since APRS is a specific kind of digital packet communication; some of the things you will learn about APRS will be applicable to digital packet modes in general.

May will be the annual Spring Banquet and "Day-ton" and June will bring us Field Day. There are a lot of fun and exciting events coming up; don't miss the March meeting so you will be "up to date" on all the 2002 FWRC activities. Don't beware of the Ides of March; See you on the 15th at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at the corner of Reed Road and Vance Avenue across from Snider High School.

Tom Baker / N9TB



## March Meeting

Fri, Mar. 15, 2002, 7:30 PM  
Program: ATV, presented by  
Jim Pliett, K9OMA



## AWAC Radio Club - Bringing Radio To Scouting

Some of you have probably heard talk on the air of the AWAC radio club, and are wondering what it is and what's going on. Hopefully, this article will answer most of your questions.

The AWAC radio club is the brainchild of Al Bowman, KC9APT, who is the Operations Director at the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Al wanted to create a means for ham radio to become accessible to anyone in boy scout programs for the purpose of bringing more youth in the hobby, and to enrich the scouting experience.

Hams in the FWRC and ACARTS can help this idea to become reality. FWRC is trying to anchor a "Venture Group", which is affiliated with the Boy Scout council. This group would bring together scouts and hams for the purpose of introducing the hobby to a wider audience, and helping youth to enter the hobby by participating in many different activities.

These activities would include Jamboree-on-the-air days, "field days" at Boy Scout camps or meetings, and presentations on our hobby at meetings. We would also like to include young people in many club activities, like the Walk-a-thon, and ARRL Field Day. The main objectives of the AWAC radio club are summed up by the following:

- FUN of sharing amateur radio with youth and their families.
- EDUCATION of youth and adults in Boy Scout advancement requirements,
- FCC licensing knowledge, and disaster preparedness.
- SERVICE in support of the various BSA programs and service to others by being prepared.

Bear in mind that the older (14 to 20 years old) Venture groups can be coed, it is not just for boys!

If you are interested in the AWAC radio club, I encourage you to check out their web site at: [WWW.AWACRADIOCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.AWACRADIOCLUB.ORG). If you would like to help the venture group, please contact myself, Steve Nardin, WB9ZTY, Al Burke, WB9SSE, or Jim Mochring, KB9WWM.

73, Steve, WB9ZTY

## Answers to weather quiz from pg. 7

1. d. Since most storms move to the northeast, you can travel parallel to the storm and continue watching the activity inside the cell.
  2. b. By placing yourself northeast of the storm, you have compromised your personal safety because the hail and possible tornado would be obscured by the heavy rain that precedes them.
  3. No. A thunderstorm with a fuzzy appearance has a weak updraft or may be in the dissipation stage and most likely will not become severe.
  4. True.
  5. False. Flash flooding is the leading killer, taking more lives than lightning, tornadoes, or downbursts.
  6. True. Damage from a downburst can be much more substantial than from a weak tornado because of the greater coverage area of a downburst.
  7. True.
  8. The second tornado normally forms northeast of the first.
  9. Marbles come in several different sizes, so reporting hail as "marble-size" can be confusing. The best comparison: give the hail size relative to a coin.
  10. The "Half-way Down" rule means that if a funnel cloud is halfway to the ground, there is a good possibility that it has touched down. Look for a debris cloud at the surface.
- Well, how did you do? If you got 8 or more correct, good for you.
- One final note: if you're interested in helping in disaster recovery efforts, please turn your ARES/RACES registration sheets in to Howard N9ADS as soon as possible. This updated information will allow him to know our capabilities and help him in planning.
- Are we ready? Yes we are!



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## President's Message



Last month's program was our annual Skywarn Training session. It was well attended with 85 people present. It was the largest turnout that I can remember for Skywarn.

After the meeting, I commented to FWRC President Tom Baker that it would be great if the regular meetings had half that attendance. He was in complete agreement. I would like to thank the National Weather Service for a very informative session. It was very different from past presentations. It was a computer generated multimedia presentation with graphics, photos, and video clips. For those who were there, remember what the chief forecaster told you. DO NOT take chances or put yourself in danger. If you were not there, I will tell you DO NOT put yourself in danger. If you were not there, go to the January newsletter and read Joel's article on severe weather reporting.

As a follow up to Skywarn, the March program will be a presentation by Ed LaRocque who is the Allen County Emergency Management Director. I thought it would be a good idea to find out what our role in the aftermath of severe weather might be. You may want to put together an emergency kit to be prepared for any event. Such a kit might include a cigarette lighter cord for your HT, a battery pack that uses alkaline batteries and spare batteries, rain gear, and a magnet mount antenna. You may think of a few other things. Keep the kit in your car so that you are ready at a moment's notice.

Mark your calendars for April 16th. That is our annual Spring Banquet.

More details will follow as soon as the banquet is set up. Well, that is all for this month.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## ACARTS March Program

The March program will be a presentation by Ed LaRocque, who is Allen County Emergency Management Director. He will talk to us about his agency and the role that ham radio will take in an emergency. This is a good follow up to the Skywarn training we had last month.

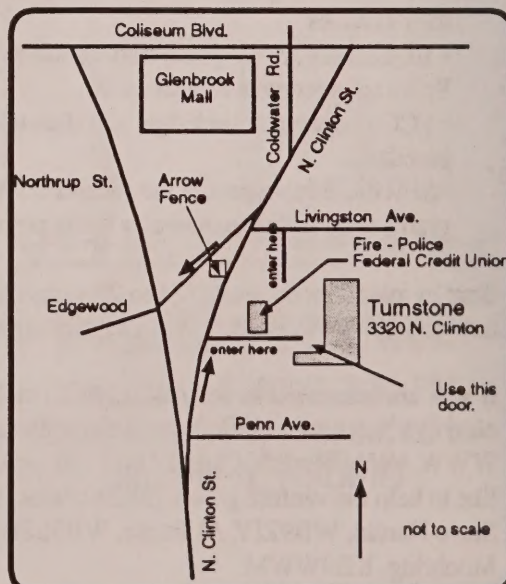
## Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

**Mar. Meeting:** - Tue. 3/19/02 Ed LaRocque, Allen County Emergency Management Director

**Board Meeting:** 3/12/2002  
All members are encouraged to attend.

**Tech Committee:** no meeting this month





## The Lonely Life Of A Station Manager

What is a station manager, you say? That's the person, often seen with bloodshot eyes, who has volunteered his or her time to install, reinstall, maintain, fix, drop-kick, reprogram, band-aid, jury-rig together or otherwise keep a ham club's equipment in running order. It is NOT an easy job, and I doubt many who volunteer for it for the first time really understand what they're getting themselves into. But it also has its rewards.

Imagine being station manager for a club like ACARTS. With 3 voice repeaters, 3 digital repeaters, 5 antennas between 375 feet and 600 feet up on a commercial tower (that we cannot climb ourselves even if we could find a club member brave enough), 5 loooong runs of feedline, plus all of the club's support radios, antennas, and test equipment, the job seems to develop into a life all its own.

When things are running well, it warms the heart of the station manager, but does anyone say "thanks" or "good job". Almost never. But let a repeater start malfunctioning, and the grumbling begins. The worst part can be when he spends hours of his own time (which could be spent doing something fun with the family) trying to keep the systems running well, and there are always a very small number of users who gripe and complain on the air that the system doesn't work as well as they think it should. If you do notice a problem with one of the repeaters, a telephone call informing the station manager of the problem is always welcome, but griping on the air does no one any good.

And think about what he is working with. Equipment that has been installed for 15-20 years, and it has to survive power outages, cold and hot temperature extremes, lightning hitting the tower, has to work into 400-600 feet of feedline/connectors, and drive antennas that must withstand the weather 600 feet in the air, for years. The headaches involve things like finding that elusive damaged component in the receiver or power amp that didn't like the last lightning discharge, or having antenna/feedline problems, and being forced to wait weeks/months or maybe years to get a certified tower crew there to check it out (tower people are sometimes NOT the easiest people to work with, believe me). And often the problem involves the frustration of finding bad solder joints in supposedly ruggedized commercial equipment.

I've known station managers (not mentioning Doug Jones, N9NNT by name, mind you) who have given up hours upon hours of their own time trying to keep the membership happy. Doug has even had to move an entire repeater system to his house (not a small undertaking), to try to find that bad solder joint, that fried component, or

## ACARTS February Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM with 9 in attendance.

Discussion was held about transferring the ACARTS.COM web site over to KF9UG's server, and along with that move that we might want to increase our donation to his internet gateway from \$300 to \$500. It was motioned by WB9UNL and seconded by KB9IH, and approved.

KA9LTV noted that we still need to come up with an idea for a program for the March meeting.

Membership now stands at 94 so far this year. We talked about whether to eliminate those who have not paid for 2002 from the active roster before the March newsletter mailing or to wait until just before the April newsletter. The consensus seemed to be that 2 1/2 months was enough time to get memberships paid.

Don, WB8HQS, noted that he will send an email to all of the members of both ACARTS and the FWRC that we have email addresses for, reminding them of the SKYWARN training session.

N9NNT noted that 255 is up and running, but still not "officially" open for general use, but is for testing purposes. There are still some temporary changes that need to be made permanent. Those in attendance noted that 88 has gotten noisy again the last couple of nights, and Doug said he will check into it.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by N9NNT and seconded by N9HRA, and was officially closed at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Don, WB8HQS  
Secretary

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that intermittent connection, so he can get a system back on the air. No other club member (with maybe the exception of a hamfest chairman) devotes so much time to the club for so little acknowledgment.

I'd just like to say THANKS DOUG, for your dedication to the club and its membership. I also highly suggest that the next time YOU hear Doug on the air, tell him yourself how much you appreciate his efforts to keep the repeaters on the air for all of us.

Don Gagnon WB8HQS



# FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association  
(FWDXA) News

## Ft Wayne DX Association

DXing with 100 W and a Vertical

by Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

If you enjoy reading the contest results in QST or CQ, you could easily come away with the feeling that it takes a big station to work DX. Although having a big station makes you more competitive in a contest and means you'll spend less time trying to work a DX station, you can work quite a bit of DX with a modest station. To prove this, I decided to participate in the CW weekend of the ARRL DX contest (February 16 and 17) with a modest station to see how much DX I could work.

The antenna I used was a Hustler 4BTV trap vertical. Using a hastily-made wood frame that fit over the peak of the garage roof, I temporarily mounted the 4BTV to the wood frame. That put the base of the 4BTV at about 15 ft. I only put up the 20 m, 15 m, and 10 m parts, as I felt the 40 m part would just be too much for my temporary lash-up. Following the manual's directions, I used two wire radials per band. The 20 m radials were about 16 ft. long, the 15 m radials were about 11.5 ft. long, and the 10 m radials were about 8.5 ft. long. The footprint of this antenna was quite small.

For a rig, I used my very old, but trusty, TS-180. It came out in the early '80s, and I've always kept it because its receiver is quite crunch-proof in a contest environment (excellent intermodulation distortion performance). I didn't use an amp, and I didn't use PacketCluster. My goal was to work 100 countries (more properly called entities in the DXCC world) with my 100 W and a vertical.

When the contest started Friday evening at 7:00 PM, I was in there up against all the big boys. I trolled 20 m, 15 m, and 10 m carefully several times, and quit at 10:00 PM. It was a good 3 hours, with 42 countries worked. The best catch was Malta (9H1ZA) on 20 m

On Saturday, in between chores around the house, I managed to get on the radio for three 3-hour sessions (8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM). Overall it was a good nine hours, with 41 more countries in the log. The best catches Saturday were Jordan (JY9NX) on 15 m, Lebanon (OD5/OK1MU) on 10 m, Hong Kong (VR2BG) on 10:00 m, and Indonesia (YB0GJS) on 20 m

With 83 countries worked through Saturday night, I figured

Sunday would really be a drag trying to find more new countries. And that certainly proved to be true. I spent a total of about 6 hours playing radio on Sunday in four sessions. I only worked 8 new countries. The best catches were Oman (A45XR) and Kyrgystan (EX2X), both on 10 m

In summary, my 18-hour effort netted 91 countries. Thus I didn't reach my 100 countries goal, but those 91 countries aren't bad for 100 W to a trap vertical. Since this was an ARRL DX contest, the format was W/VE work only DX. I think it'd be fair to say I could have easily worked a US and a VE to bring the total to 93 countries for a weekend of effort.

I didn't work everyone I heard, though - there were four countries I just couldn't work: Corsica (TK) on 10 m, Ceuta and Melilla (EA9) on 20 m, Monaco (3A) on 20 m, and Iraq (YI) on 20 m. The pileups were just too big for my 100 W to a vertical, and I even periodically checked back to see if the number of stations calling had subsided enough.

I have to admit this effort was hard work (especially Sunday), but in the end I had fun. I didn't have to worry about rotating a Yagi, tuning an amp, or watching PacketCluster. It kind of brought back "the good old days" of listening, more listening, and even more listening.

So don't let stories of stacked monobanders and kilowatts scare you from DXing fun (or even contesting fun, for that matter). There's plenty of DX to be worked - you just have to make up your mind to do it, and then do it.

### Charles Duane Rudicel, KB9OMC - SK

Charles Duane Rudicel, KB9OMC (Nov. 9, 1950 — Feb. 6, 2002)

Charles Duane Rudicel, 51, 203 E. Highland Ave., died at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 in Marion General Hospital.

He was born in Marion to the late Gerald and Doris (Alford) Rudicel. He is survived by Vicki Kirkpatrick, his wife of 31 years. Additional survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth and Amanda Joy, both at home; three brothers, Gerald Jr. (Joyce), Ronald Sr. (Becky) and Larry, all of Marion; and a sister, Barbara (Merritt) Korporal, Van Buren.

Mr. Rudicel was a deputy sheriff with the Grant County Sheriff's Department for 28 years. He was a member of McNatt United Methodist Church, Warren, and of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Grant County Amateur Radio Club. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow.



## Severe Weather Notes: The Training Session – Joel KB9RH

What a great turnout for this year's spotter training session! The standing-room only crowd heard a good presentation from Rodney Smith of the National Weather Service. Because of the continuing research and advances in technology, Rodney presented some new and updated information. That's why it's important for spotters to attend a training session every single year.

I want to present some additional items that were either brought up in the meeting or were discussed with me personally after the training session:

1. For many years, we have been reporting very heavy rain with reduced visibility. Again, because of the continuing research into thunderstorms, the National Weather Service no longer wants this information. However, if the heavy rain is causing flash flooding, please report the flash flooding.
2. Please keep your reports clear and concise. Some spotters have indicated to me that they were unable to call in their reports on May 26th - especially before the tornado touchdown. Admittedly, the radio traffic at that time was extremely heavy, and this may have been one of the consequences. As net controls, we will try to clear each report as soon as possible so that other spotters can call in.
3. There was a suggestion made that the net controls have a radar picture in front of them at all times, and that they relay the location of storm cells to spotters on the net. I believe all the net controls have a fairly recent radar picture on our screens when we are running the net. In the past, we have relied on the operator at NWS North Webster to let us know the location of the most intense activity, since the operator at WX9IWX gets that information from trained radar operators. This issue has been addressed with the "powers that be" in North Webster and hopefully we are going to get more frequent updates. Perhaps the net controls can start relaying this information; however, please note that the trained people at North Webster have a much better radar picture and can provide more accurate information.

How much do you remember from the training

session? Here's a quiz taken from the information presented. See how many you can answer correctly.

1. When spotting in the field, which location is best:
  - a. Northwest of the storm
  - b. Northeast of the storm
  - c. Southwest of the storm
  - d. Southeast of the storm
2. What is the most dangerous location:
  - a. Northwest of the storm
  - b. Northeast of the storm
  - c. Southwest of the storm
  - d. Southeast of the storm
3. You see a thunderstorm with a fuzzy appearance that looks like melting ice cream. Does this storm have a good possibility of becoming severe?
4. In an average year, lightning kills more people than tornadoes. True or false?
5. In an average year, tornadoes kill more people than flash flooding. True or false?
6. Damage from a downburst can be more substantial than from a tornado. True or false?
7. Most of the severe weather from a multi-cell line (otherwise known as a squall line) occurs in the eastern part of the storm, whereas most of the severe weather from an isolated supercell occurs in the southwest quadrant of the storm. True or false?
8. In a large tornado outbreak, a single thunderstorm cell can produce more than one tornado. Where would the second tornado form relative to the first?
  - a. Northwest
  - b. Northeast
  - c. Southwest
  - d. Southeast
9. Why should we not report hail as "marble-size"?
10. What is the "Half-way Down" rule?



Answers on page 3



## ALLEN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE &amp; RACES REGISTRATION FORM

CALL: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: E A G T+ T N

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we contact you at any hour of the day or night in the event of activation? \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_ MAY WE CALL YOU AT WORK? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently registered with Allen County ARES/RACES? \_\_\_\_\_

Station Capabilities, Please indicate what bands and modes you are equipped for:

	160	80	40	20	15	10	6	2	220	440
CW										
FM										
SSB										
RTTY/PSK-31										
APRS										
MOBILE										
EMERG. POWER										

Are you active on any HF nets? Which? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special equipment or skills that would be of use in an emergency-4WD, snowmobile, generator, first aid training, CPR, etc? Do you have emergency duties elsewhere-EMS, Fire Dept., Red Cross, Utility Company, etc.-that may affect your availability?

OTHER INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed forms to:

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or to

Bill Hall, WD9HII at FWRC meetings.

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## YK9A - Behind The Scenes #9

### The QSL effort

In an obvious moment of weakness, I volunteered to handle the YK9A QSL chores. But it's not as bad as it sounds - it's really a labor of love. Yeah, right - and a bear doesn't poop in the woods.

When we arrived home, there was quite a backlog of QSLs waiting already - mostly from North America. I e-mailed Wayne W4MPY (The QSL Man) to tell him to run us an initial batch of 6000 QSLs. Since we had already designed the QSL prior to leaving, he was ready to go (he didn't do them sooner because we weren't exactly sure on the operator list - specifically if K3VN and JY4NE were going to show up).

When the 6000 QSLs arrived about a week and a half later, Vicky and I started attacking the ever-growing pile on a FIFO basis. We set up a desk in the family room, with the laptop and a printer on it. Initially we worked from about 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM every night to work down the backlog. We set up in the family room so we (OK, so I) could watch The Three Stooges, The Daily Show, and Win Ben Stein's Money while taking care of QSLs.

With two of us working, we did a lot of QSLs each day. But for the first couple weeks, what came in still outnumbered what went out. Eventually, though, we saw the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Finally the day arrived when we had all the backlog worked off. Now we're in the mode of taking care of QSLs on the day they're received.

We've had our share of requests resulting in Not-In-Log (NIL). I kind of feel bad about those, but there's not much I can do in most of the cases. I do check for any call that's similar to the requestor's call, and do it for plus/minus 10 minutes of the indicated time (you'd be surprised how far off some guys are with their times). I'm sure many Not-In-Logs were due to QRM and us not having the amplifiers we counted on. I'm also sure Syria Slim was helping us make QSOs.

We've also had a handful of RTTY NILs. I'm puzzled why this happens. I mean, the darn screen deciphers the RTTY and shows the call.

On the plus side of Not-In-Logs, I received a QSL request from Jerry K8OQL for a 40 m SSB QSO. He wasn't in the log, but K8OW was. Initially I didn't think that was close enough to warrant further investigation, so K8OQL got a NIL for that QSO. Jerry subsequently sent a nice post card thanking me for his other QSLs, and he mentioned that he thought for sure he worked us with W4DR at the mic. That got me wondering, so I sent an e-mail to K8OW asking him if he worked us on 40 m SSB. Nope. So I assumed we busted K8OQL's call, I corrected the log, and just the other day I sent K8OQL his YK9A 40 m SSB QSL.

On the negative side of NILs, I received a QSL request from a PY2 for a 160 m CW QSO. He said he heard us send one or two letters of his call followed by a question mark, but then we worked more North America stations. He asked me to consider this a valid QSO and would appreciate a QSL. I dutifully checked the log, but nothing showed up even close to his call. I asked W4DR (the op at the time) if he remembered this, and he said no (like he would, having worked thousands of guys). So I sent the PY2 a NIL.

I received a second letter from this PY2. This time the tone was a bit different. He said he worked us, the NIL was our problem and not his, and that we discriminated against South America in favor of North America. He told me to check the log. I sent a note back saying I had checked the log the first time and that I even asked the op about this. BTW, I returned his "donation" both times.

I guess NILs are a part of these operations. I had experienced some from our CQ WW CW contest efforts from ZF, but not like the magnitude I'm seeing with YK9A. And although eQSLs and downloading DXpedition logs for DXCC credit are in our future, I wonder how situations like K8OQL will be handled.

Carl K9LA

## Regional Hamfests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
16 Mar 2002	Marshall, MI	616-781-4540	n8bgm@aol.com
17 Mar 2002	Maumee, OH	419-385-5056	http://tmrahamradio.org
23 Mar 2002	Michigan City, IN	219-325-9089	
6 Apr 2002	Columbus, IN	812-342-4670	carc_in@yahoo.com
17-19 May 2002	Dayton, OH		http://www.hamvention.org/

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm>.





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## For Sale & Wanted

For Sale: Drake L-4B Amplifier with Drake matching L-4B power supply. Benefits go to Memorial Park M.S. ARC KB9ZQV Make Offer!

For Sale: The following items are the remains of the Estate of Irene Kennedy, WA9EZP that was sold at the Club Sales Table at the Hamfest.

- Kenwood VFO-120 with Remote VFO for use with the TS-120, TS-130, or TS-140, \$100.00
- HAL 1550 Electronic Keyer, \$50.00
- Autek Research MK-1 Memory Keyer, \$50.00
- Channel Master Antenna Rotator Control, \$15.00

Wanted: Old Magnavox radios. Table and or transistor radios. 30'S through 70'S.  
Call Larry, KB9OS, 260-490-3089,  
<TEMENOFF@ipfw.edu>

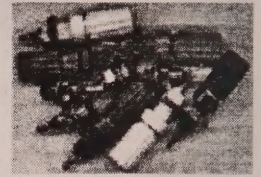
For Sale:

- 5000 watt generator \$350
- 8 hp chipper shredder \$250
- 4-drawer legal-size lockable fireproof filing cabinet w/ wheels \$400
- 21" Dell Trinitron monitor \$800
- 17" monitors (2) - \$100 each
- SGC 9' mobile antenna + SGC autotuner \$800
- misc Ham stuff - make offer
- HP LJ II printer \$25
- pci expansion chassis \$300
- 200 MHz Strongarm PC (pci bus, 128 MB ram) \$500
- 13" Color TV (2) \$100 each
- Hitachi VCR \$100
- 1000x Microscope \$200

Dave Feustel N9MYI, 260-483-1857,  
dfeustel@mindspring.com, <http://www.mindspring.com/~dfeustel>

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## Test Points



23-Mar-2002

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
Contact: WALTER C VOGEL  
(419)394-2976

Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD  
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED  
VAN WERT, OH 45891

30-Mar-2002

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009  
VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL  
BASEMENT MEETING ROOM 101 W MARKET ST -  
SUITE C  
N9QCL@ARRL.NET  
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

11-Apr-2002

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: LYLE L LONG (219)875-8455  
VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
HOMAN BUILDING  
GREENCROFT BLVD  
GOSHEN, IN 46525

04-May-2002

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: WILLIAM C HALL (219)485-3995  
Email: WD9HII@INFI.NET  
VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY  
GEORGETOWN BRANCH 6600 E STATE BLVD  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

25-May-2002

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009  
VEC: W5YI VEC

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## Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ -4 Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year
Family membership <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year
Additional family members <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.  
PO Box 10342  
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club.

### **ACARTS Voice Repeaters**

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority  
147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority  
443.800 (+) General use  
(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### **ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)**

144.390 (s) APRS - wide  
145.010 (s) General use, NETROM (FWA) - wide  
223.660 (s) BBS use ONLY NETROM (FWA220) - wide

### **Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters**

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use; (2 sec. initial keyup delay)  
146.94 (-) General use with autopatch  
146.91 (-) Autopatch only  
444.875 (+) General use  
ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### **Area Traffic Nets**

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

### **Area Traffic Nets - Continued**

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Whitley Co./ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270  
(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

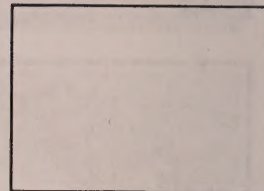
Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550  
+. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

Sloppy Code Net: Sundays at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details..

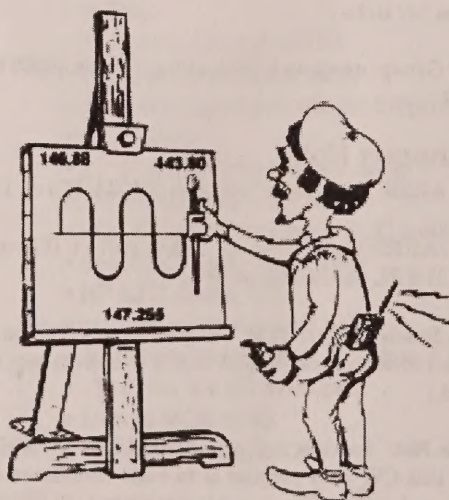
Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz.



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